

edges of skin layer 204, backing layer 212 and 4-way stretchable layer 220 allows for the edges to overlap when wrapping a railing or hand support system and at the same time to maintain a constant thickness of grip 200 despite the overlapping edges. In another embodiment, the edges are tapered but wrapped in such a way that they do not overlap to provide still more friction for the user. In still another embodiment, the lengthwise edges of skin layer 204, backing layer 212 and 4-way stretchable layer 220 are not tapered for instances when the edges do not overlap but a consistent thickness of grip is desired.

### In the Claims

Kindly amend claims 71 through 73 as follows:

71. (Amended) A method of wrapping the grip of claim 5 comprising:  
 providing a railing having a lengthwise section and a cross-sectional circumference and having alignment targets along its length;  
 wrapping the grip of claim 5 such that said lengthwise edge of grip 5 is parallel to said length of said railing;  
 aligning said alignment targets of said railing up with said alignment targets of said grip; and  
 folding said grip, said grip having a width substantially similar to the circumference of said railing, such that edges of said grip abut when wrapped around said railing.

B3 72. (Amended) A method of wrapping the grip of claim 14 comprising;  
providing a railing having a length; and  
wrapping the grip of claim 14 around said railing in a spiral such  
that said tapered edges of the grip overlap to completely cover the length of said railing  
and such that said grip has a constant thickness.

73. (Amended) A method of wrapping the grip of claim 16 comprising:  
providing a railing having a lengthwise section and a cross-  
sectional circumference and having alignment targets along its length;  
wrapping the grip of claim 16 such that said lengthwise edge of grip  
16 is parallel to said length of said railing;  
aligning said alignment targets of said railing up with said alignment  
targets of said grip; and  
folding said grip, said grip having a width substantially similar to the  
circumference of said railing, such that edges of said grip abut when wrapped around  
said railing.

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